

**CITY OF LONG BEACH  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, RECREATION AND MARINE  
COMMISSION ON YOUTH AND CHILDREN  
MINUTES  
May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2004**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Rebecca Turrentine, Chair, called the meeting of the Commission on Youth and Children to order at 5:05 p.m., in the large conference room at the Parks, Recreation and Marine Senior Center. Roll call was taken and a quorum was confirmed.

Present:

Rebecca Turrentine, Chair  
Pierre Batton, Vice-Chair

Sotheara Chhay  
Gregory Corbin  
Elijah Kemp-Bowdre  
Kate Levinstein  
Jeanetta McAlpin  
Jon Meyer  
Alexis Peterson

Jessica Quintana  
Marc Rothenberg  
Mary Soth  
Chanel Suares  
7<sup>th</sup> District - Vacant  
Christopher Young

Absent:

Jennifer To (excused)  
Chelsii Summerville (excused)  
Dara Din  
Lauren Perry

Staff:

Cynthia Fogg, Superintendent, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
Andrew Romero, Youth Specialist, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
Nathan Esparza, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine  
*Phil T. Hester, Director, Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine*

Guests:

Beverly O'Neill, Mayor  
Suzanne Mason, Deputy City Manager  
Peggy Preacely, Department of Health and Human Services, Tobacco Education

Remarks from Mayor Beverly O'Neill

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**It was moved by Commissioner Rothenberg and seconded by Commissioner Batton to approve the April 28, 2004 Commission on Youth and Children minutes and ratify any action that was taken in the absence of a quorum at the last CYC meeting. The motion carried unanimously.**

**III. COMMENTS (PUBLIC)**

There were no public comments.

**IV. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT TO THE COMMISSION**

CYC administrative issues update:

Cynthia Fogg stated that any commissioners who have not gotten clearance from the Police Department should complete that process as soon as possible.

Andrew Romero announced that bus passes are available and will be distributed at the end of the meeting. He also stated that the passes should be used for transportation to and from the CYC meetings and any other meetings or events where the CYC is being represented. He and Cynthia Fogg thanked Long Beach Transit for making the bus passes available to the CYC.

Youth Services NETWORK activities:

Cynthia Fogg announced that the After School Advocacy Partnership/ 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC received news that the State of California Department of Education funded the proposal from LBUSD, which will bring \$20 million for after school programs. She stated that LBUSD and the City of Long Beach will partner in running these 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC after school program sites along with other agencies in the city. Commissioner Turrentine requested that the City Officials who went to Sacramento to advocate for the grant be recognized for their efforts.

CYC Status - Special Meetings: Youth/Adult Team Workshops

Cynthia Fogg stated it has been brought to the attention of the CYC staff that the CYC commissioners may need some assistance in the area of policy making and organizational structure therefore, it is the staff recommendation to authorize staff to organize two workshops, facilitated by the Youth Leadership Institute, to advance Youth/Adult relationships and its effect on public policy. The workshops would take place from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. on June 23 prior to the regular meeting of the Commission and from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. on July 28 prior to the regular meeting of the Commission.

**It was moved by Commissioner Soth and seconded by Commissioner Quintana to schedule the Youth/Adult Relationships and its Effect on Public Policy Workshops with the Youth Leadership Institute on June 23, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and a second date to be determined. The motion carried unanimously.**

Statewide Dialogue on Youth Violence – June 3

Cynthia Fogg stated this event is a live video teleconference hosted by the California Wellness Foundation and it was the staff recommendation that the CYC register Long Beach as an auxiliary site to participate in this event on a local level. She stated that the local event would take place at the Miller Family Health Education Center on June 3, and will be hosted by the CYC and the Youth and Gang Violence Task Force.

**It was moved by Commissioner Meyer and seconded by Commissioner Quintana to support the Statewide Dialogue on Youth Violence (local event) on June 3, 2004. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **V. REPORTS**

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, Commissioner Turrentine, Chair  
(No meeting held in May)

SCORECARD COMMITTEE, Commissioner Corbin, Committee Chair  
(May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting)

Commissioner Corbin reported the committee met with Dr. Betsy McNeany of CSULB Sociology Department and she expressed a strong interest in helping with the development of the scorecard. Commissioner Turrentine stated she met with Philadelphia Safe & Sound in April where she gained very useful information and they stated they are willing to meet with the CYC in the future to assist with the scorecard in more detail. Commissioner Corbin stated there are copies of the Philadelphia scorecard available for review. He also stated the committee will have a preliminary mock-up of the scorecard next month and will begin reviewing focus areas. He stated the committee felt that they needed assistance from LBUSD so they asked staff to draft a letter to the Superintendent requesting support from the LBUSD, Office of Research, Planning and Evaluation in planning and developing the scorecard. It was the staff recommendation to approve the draft letter to Superintendent of Schools, Christopher Steinhauser requesting assistance from the Office of Research, Planning and Evaluation on scorecard development.

**It was moved by Commissioner Corbin and seconded by Commissioner Kemp-Bowdre to approve the letter to Superintendent of Schools, Christopher Steinhauser requesting assistance from the Office of Research, Planning and Evaluation on scorecard development. The motion carried unanimously.**

Consideration of re-naming the scorecard:

Commissioner Corbin stated there has been some feedback regarding re-naming the scorecard and it is the staff recommendation to rename the scorecard and related committee to "Long Beach Youth and Children's Report Card *A Portrait of the Welfare of our Kids*".

**It was moved by Commissioner Corbin and seconded by Commissioner Suares to rename and adopt "Long Beach Youth and Children's Report Card A Portrait of the Welfare of our Kids" as the official name of the scorecard. Commissioner Corbin amended his original motion to only adopt the portion "Long Beach Youth and Children's Report Card" as a working phrase for the document. The amended motion was seconded by Commissioner Suares. The motion carried unanimously.**

### **Standing Items**

District Level Youth Advisory Councils (DLYAC):

Andy Romero reported he will be meeting with district staff liaisons to work on a general application for all the Youth Councils and the 4<sup>th</sup> District has developed an application that will serve as a good template for this project. He stated The California League of Cities Conference will be in Long Beach in September and there

will be a youth component that will include the Youth Councils, he will have further information on that at the next CYC meeting. He reported on each May DLYAC meeting and reviewed the schedule of upcoming meetings.

Youth and Gang Violence Task Force:

Commissioner Rothenberg reported on the May Youth and Gang Violence Task Force meeting. He stated this was an initial meeting where members were able to introduce themselves, share ideas and take notes from the facilitator who provided good information. The next meetings are scheduled for June 5, 14 and June 26 where they are hoping to have an open public forum. Commissioner Kemp-Bowdre reported on the May meeting as well stating he felt the group was motivated and hungry for solutions. He suggested actual gang members or ex-gang members should sit on this task force to offer a different viewpoint.

It was the staff recommendation to develop a discussion guide for use at DLYAC meetings to solicit feedback on violence, violence prevention, and youth members' opinions on the process of the community's efforts to reduce youth and gang violence.

**It was moved by Commissioner Rothenberg and seconded by Commissioner Kemp-Bowdre to develop a discussion guide for use at DLYAC meetings to solicit feedback on violence, violence prevention, and youth members' opinions on the process of the community's efforts to reduce youth and gang violence. The motion carried unanimously.**

**Reports**

Tobacco Issues for Long Beach:

Due to time constraints Peggy Preacely, Department of Health and Human Services asked to return and give this report at a later date. Commissioner Turrentine stated the Executive Committee will add this presentation to the July agenda.

**VI. CORRESPONDENCE**

Commissioners were provided copies of the following outgoing correspondence:

Letters dated April 22, 2004 to Mayor and Members of the City Council regarding:

- Youth Internship Program
- Notifying Council that meetings will be scheduled between CYC Executive Committee and Mayor and each Council member.

Letter dated May 11, 2004 regarding:

- Thanking Philadelphia Safe and Sound staff for meeting with Chair, Rebecca Turrentine

Memo to City Manager for Mayor and Members of the City Council regarding

- Forwarding the Keep Your Promise to Children report (Not completed)

## **VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Anti-Bullying Legislation (April 28<sup>th</sup>, 04) - The CYC voted at its April meeting to have staff from the Office of Congresswoman Linda Sanchez return with further information on the legislation, including the bill language before deciding upon a position. CYC staff contacted Congresswoman Sanchez's office to set up a date for returning more detailed information. Commissioner Turrentine stated we are still awaiting a call back.

## **VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

### **4-11 City's Three-Year Financial Strategic Plan:**

Deputy City Manager Suzanne Mason along with Desire Gooch and Steve Scott of the City Manager's Office gave a presentation on the three-year financial strategic plan and its potential impact on youth, children and those who serve them. It was the staff recommendation to receive and file the report on the City's Three-Year Financial Strategic Plan.

**It was moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Batton to receive and file the report on the City's Three-Year Financial Strategic Plan. The motion carried unanimously.**

## **IX. COMMENTS**

### **• STAFF**

Cynthia Fogg stated she along with Commissioner's Turrentine and Soares will be taped on Friday, May 29 for Vice Mayor Frank Colonna's Heart of the City television show. She will contact commissioners by email with the airtime and date information.

Andrew Romero stated Commissioner Kemp-Bowdre was in the news and copies of clippings were distributed to that effect. Commissioner Batton was sited for his tennis accomplishments and Commissioner Chhay was congratulated for a successful Project Band-Aid.

Cynthia Fogg distributed copies of the Youth Violence A Report of the Surgeon General to commissioners Rothenberg and Kemp-Bowdre for reference to their participation on the Youth and Gang Violence Task Force.

### **• COMMISSIONERS**

Commissioner Chhay reported on the successful event Project Band-Aide. He stated between band performances the audience was addressed about non-violence issues. He thanked Andy Romero for donating all the awards for this event.

Commissioner Turrentine stated she attended the Stand for Children Breakfast where they presented awards for work that's being done on behalf of children in the city.

**X. NEXT MEETING**

Commissioner Turrentine stated the next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, June 23, at 5:00 p.m.**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**It was moved by Commissioner Young and seconded by Commissioner Chhay to adjourn the Commission on Youth and Children meeting of May 26, 2004 at 7:12 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.**

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